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Pharmacy robbed at knifepoint

THEFT The Pharma Plus store in the Bayshore Mall was robbed at knifepoint yesterday morning.

Two men entered the store around 9:30 a.m. and escaped with an undisclosed amount of money.

One suspect is described as a white male, around six feet tall. He was wearing black sunglasses, a black hoodie and black jogging pants with white stripes on the side at the time of the incident. He wore white and black tennis shoes and had a backpack.

The other suspect is a described as a white male, just under six feet tall, wearing a dark red-brown jacket, jeans, running shoes and a backpack.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 613-236-1222 ext. 5116.

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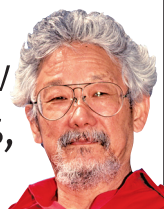
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Super-G Second a cause to celebrate



Calgary's John Kucera sprays champagne after he took second place in the World Cup men's Super-G ski race in Lake Louise, Alta. yesterday. Kucera, winner of a super-giant slalom race on the same course two years ago, finished 0.59 seconds behind winner Hermann Maier of Austria.

Flaherty moves up budget

Tories backpedal on plan as coalition talks intensify

A day of high-stakes political intrigue here in the nation's capital set the scene for a week which will see Stephen Harper's Conservatives fight to retain their grip on power.

Nothing short of a fresh economic statement with new measures to help Canadians cope with the current recession appears likely to dissuade federal opposition parties from defeating the Conservative minority and trying to form a coalition government next week.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty continued a full-scale retreat from his Nov. 27 economic statement yesterday with a promise to stimulate the economy in an early budget he now says will be set for Jan. 27. And for the first time, he also hinted strongly that Ottawa would bail out Canada's struggling Big Three automakers.

And in another reversal, Flaherty said the Conservatives will not outlaw public service strikes until 2010. On Saturday, he backed down on their plan to scrap federal subsidies for political parties.

But the Liberals and New Democrats said the latest

Auto help

- Finance Minister Jim Flaherty suggested the Conservatives might help the auto sector, saying "We're going to have to deal with the automotive issue, obviously ... Will we have to help a particular sector or more than one particular sector? The answer is probably yes."
- The federal and Ontario governments have asked Ford, General Motors and Chrysler — thought to be collectively seeking between \$3 billion and \$4 billion in aid — to produce recovery plans by Friday.

concessions from the Conservatives are not enough to derail their move — with support from the Bloc Québécois — to defeat the Tory minority and take power with a coalition cabinet.

Since last week, the Liberals, NDP and BQ have been involved in closed-door talks on a coalition government to replace the Tories. The talks continued over the weekend and were reportedly going well.

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Stabbing victim, witnesses staying silent, police say

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CRIME A 22-year-old man is refusing to co-operate with police after receiving six stab wounds in the back during a fight outside a Gatineau nightclub early

Major crimes unit

- The case has been transferred to the major crimes unit to determine the motives for the fight.

yesterday morning.
The victim, a resident of

Gatineau, was discovered in the parking lot of Cabaret de Taboo at 92 Greber Blvd. around 3:30 a.m. by police officers responding to a 911 call for an altercation outside the bar.

The man was transported to the hospital in Hull where he was treated for

non-life-threatening injuries. He is refusing to speak with police.

Lieut. Jean-Francois Beauchamp said police have not been able to even get a description of the other party involved in the altercation. "We're still continuing the investigation because

it's aggression with a weapon," Beauchamp said.

"But we've got nothing because witnesses and even the victim refuse to co-operate."

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Heavy snowfall expected in Ottawa

With any luck, the 10 to 15 centimetres of snow and ice pellets forecasted for Ottawa last night and this morning will be melting away by this evening. A wall of snow coming up from New York State, Michigan and Ohio was expected to dump 10 to 15 centimetres on southern Ontario. **METRO OTTAWA**

Ottawa



Cuts might impact skating rinks

Nearly a week of public delegations speaking about the 2009 city budget will begin today. The city needs to cut \$35 million in spending, just to achieve a 4.9 per cent tax increase. Some of the recommendations included cutting \$4 million in funding to arts groups; eliminating grants for outdoor skating rinks; increasing rental fees for hockey arenas, swimming pools and sports fields; and eliminating 700 subsidized child-care spaces.

METRO OTTAWA

Police tracking leads in shootings

INVESTIGATION Ottawa police were still following leads yesterday into the violent end of the two men shot dead in an apartment high-rise in the Hog's Back area on Thursday.

"We're still tracking down leads," said Sgt. Bruce Pirt with the Ottawa Police Major Crime Unit. He would not comment on details on the investigation.

At around 5:30 p.m., Warsame Okie, 25, and Hayder El-Abadi, 18, were shot inside the building at 1435 Prince of Wales Dr.

Although both victims were known to police — Okie was allegedly a gang member who had previously been arrested on weapons and drug charges — friends remembered both as good people.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

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What's online today.

Watch As a relative calls a mother who was stabbed to death protecting her family a hero at metronews.ca/canada.

Read Why Guidy Mamann says immigration law could become less fair at metronews.ca/immigration.



Lotteries

Friday, Nov. 28
Lotto Super 7: 6, 9, 16, 17, 27, 29 & 38. Bonus 12.
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Christmas inspires Santa Man's carvings

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They call him the Santa Man. Years ago, Larry Everett wanted a wooden Santa. So he asked a woodcarver friend to make him one.

The friend taught him how to make a bird — a classic beginner's project — instead. The Ottawa air-traffic controller never did get his Santa, but he got something more valuable out of it — a passion for carving.

Now a longtime member of the Outaouais Woodcarvers Club, Everett made an old-fashioned Santa — and another, and another.

To date, he's made more than a hundred Santas in different shapes, sizes and colours. While some are only an inch high, some stand over two feet tall. At home, he's got a Christmas tree entirely devoted to wooden Santa ornaments.

Sure, he also carves birds, nativity scenes and caricatures of people, but Old Saint Nick remains his favourite subject.

"I guess I'm still a child at heart," he laughed. "I like the spirit of Christmas."

The woodcarving section where Everett was demonstrating his craft yesterday was one of the highlights of the 20th annual Ottawa



Known among the members of the Outaouais Woodcarvers Club as the Santa Man, Ottawa's Larry Everett has carved about a hundred Santas — each one different — over the years.

Woodworking Show at Lansdowne Park over the weekend.

The show, which featured the latest in woodworking technology and trends, attracted thousands of people from the National Capital Region, said show manager Kathy Beaumont.

While some of the exhibitors featured kits and workshops on making

smaller items like wooden stools and toys, others concentrated on more functional jobs, like doing your own crown molding.

The do-it-yourself exhibits have been especially popular this year, said Beaumont.

"I think with all the job cuts, people are saying, 'I can't afford to have guys come in to do it, I'm going to do it myself,'" she said.

News in brief

ROBBERY Gatineau police are investigating a gas station robbery from early Saturday morn-

ing. Two males entered a station at 253 St-René Blvd. W and bought a chocolate bar from

the clerk. Cash was stolen as the purchase was being made. **CTVOTTAWA.CA**

Community groups aim to have their voice heard

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BUDGET A coalition of community groups will gather at city hall tomorrow to demand a more balanced approach to considering the city budget.

Linda Lalonde with People for a Better Ottawa said they are expecting a "fair number of people" out to the noon-hour rally to express their discontent with recommendations proposed to lower the city budget.

"The real issue is that the majority of the cuts are in the human-services areas ... but there is not huge cuts to the roads and sewers budget," said Lalonde. "I think that's what's getting people. It's not equal across the board."

With four days of public delegations planned for the week, Lalonde said many

Budget

- Less compensation and plummeting fuel prices have helped the city lower its budget by another \$2.2 million.

people could not speak to city council individually, but the rally is intended to signal how broad the concern is over the budget cuts.

"It's not just a couple of people fussing about some little thing that's only going to affect them. It's a broad group of people," she said.

If the city needs to make cutbacks, Richie Allen, coordinator of People for a Better Ottawa, said it should be spread fairly across the entire city.

The recommendations in the draft budget target parents, transit users and the elderly, she said.

World AIDS Day helps bring attention to global epidemic

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Ottawa groups in the fight against HIV/AIDS will be joining organizations from around the country in the inaugural World AIDS Day Gala here this evening.

Groups from Toronto, Montreal, Calgary and Halifax will be joining the AIDS Committee of Ottawa and Bruce House, among others, to discuss and support each other in their work as well as bring attention to the global AIDS epidemic, said Monique

Doolittle Romas, executive director of the Canadian AIDS Society in Ottawa.

The gala is a fundraiser for the Canadian Aids Society — a coalition of 125 AIDS services and organizations that supports people living with AIDS — and a way to open a dialogue about what organizations need to do.

"Currently, there are 58,000 people who are living with HIV and AIDS in Canada," said Doolittle Romas. Twenty-seven per cent of these people are unaware of their status, she said.

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An Edmonton foster mother was found guilty of manslaughter in the death of a three-year-old boy in her care on Saturday. The 34-year-old woman, who cannot be identified, was charged with second-degree murder after the child died in January 2007 of brain injuries. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Arts remain strong

Arts groups across Canada are reporting strong ticket sales for the holiday season, despite fears of an economic recession. The Canadian Opera Company, Theatre Calgary and Ballet Jorgen are just a few of the organizations saying that sales are on par or stronger than previous years. Sales at the National Ballet of Canada, after taking a hit in the fall, have rebounded, with Nutcracker tickets outselling last year's show.

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Downtown Ottawa

No 'short-term' plan

Coalition government would lead for a while: Layton

The New Democrats and Liberals are laying the groundwork for a coalition government that plans to be in power for a "longer term, not short term," NDP Leader Jack Layton says.

"What we really want is just to get Harper out ... it's going to be a hell of a lot better for everything we believe in," Layton told NDP MPs during a conference call Saturday.

A transcript of the confer-

Legal action?

- The NDP didn't dispute the transcript released by the Conservatives, but said they are looking at pursuing legal action against those who covertly taped the meeting.

ence call was released yesterday by the Conservatives, who were able to eavesdrop as Layton briefed his caucus members.

Layton says he has been in touch with Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe "frequently, every day," as party officials huddle to hammer out the details of their partnership.

Those discussions are looking at the "mechanics of a coalition government and the form it would take, the structure of cabinet, ... the key roles," Layton said.

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News in brief

STRANDED Canadian tourists stranded in Bangkok because of anti-government protesters are demanding the Canadian government fly them home before the situation worsens. But a foreign affairs official urged trav-

ellers to stay put and wait out the protesters, who are trying to topple the Thai government.

MUMBAI SERVICE The Hindu Federation of Canada held a pan-religious service in Bramp-

ton, Ont., yesterday meant to serve as both a memorial to the 183 people killed in this week's terrorist attacks in Mumbai — and a reminder that violence only begets violence.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Two dead after birthday-party knife attack

STABBING A birthday party in an Oshawa, Ont., town-house erupted in violence Saturday night, leaving two adults dead and two children injured, one critically, police said.

Another man was in critical condition.


The woman who was killed was identified as Leslie Kelly. Her sons Riley, 3, and Nate, 5, were wounded in the attack.

Ricky Kelly, Leslie's husband, was also wounded in the attack.

The attacker was identified as Gino Petralia.

When police responded, Petralia confronted them and was shot dead.

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Wellington to Gladstone

Italian men the most attractive, survey claims

Italians are considered the most handsome men in the world, while men who are balding and aging do not necessarily lose their looks, according to an international survey on what makes men attractive. **REUTERS**

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World



Homemade booze kills 12 in Iran

Twelve people in southern Iran have died after drinking homemade liquor and dozens more have been blinded or are in a serious condition, health workers in the Islamic Republic said in remarks published yesterday. Alcohol is banned in the Islamic Republic, which has enforced Islamic sharia law since its 1979 Islamic revolution. "Out of 92 who were poisoned from drinking homemade alcohol and hospitalized, 12 people died," said Farshid Abedi, head of Hormuzgan medical school. **REUTERS**

Attackers Pakistani: India

Tensions between neighbours threatens peace effort

The fallout from a three-day rampage that killed nearly 200 people in Mumbai threatened yesterday to unravel India's improving ties with Pakistan and prompted the resignation of India's security minister.

New Delhi said it was raising security to a "war level" and had no doubt of a Pakistani link to the attacks, which unleashed anger at home over the intelligence failure and the delayed response to the violence that paralyzed India's financial capital.

Officials in Islamabad have warned any escalation would force it to divert troops to the Indian border and away from a U.S.-led anti-militant campaign on the Afghan frontier.

Newspaper commentators blasted politicians for failing to prevent the attacks and for taking advantage of its fallout before voting in Delhi on Saturday and in national polls due by May.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said he would boost and overhaul the nation's counterterrorism capabilities, an announcement which came after Federal Home Minister Shivraj Patil resigned over the attacks.



Students from different countries hold candles during a peace march in New Delhi yesterday. Hundreds of students from 25 nations participated in the march in memory of the victims of the Mumbai attacks.

"We share the hurt of the people and their sense of anger and outrage," Singh said. "Several measures are already in place ... But clearly much more needs to be done and we are determined to take all necessary measures to overhaul the system," he said.

Air and sea security would be increased, and India's main counter-terrorist National Security Guard would be increased in size and given more regional bases, he said in a statement.

Indian officials have said most, if not all, of the 10 Islamist attackers who held Mumbai hostage came from Pakistan.

The tension between the nuclear rivals has raised the prospect of a breakdown of peace efforts going on since 2004. The two nations have fought three wars since 1947, when Muslim Pakistan was carved out of Hindu-majority India.

They went to the brink of a fourth conflict after a 2001 militant attack on the Indian parliament which New Delhi also blamed on Pakistan.

Obama set to announce

Hillary as secretary of state

CABINET U.S. president-elect Barack Obama was poised to name his national security team today, with former political rival Hillary Clinton in line to be picked as secretary of state.

Former president Bill Clinton agreed to make public the names of more than 200,000 donors to his foundation as part of a deal with Obama's transition team to clear the way for his wife to become the top U.S. diplomat.

With wars ongoing in Iraq and Afghanistan, the fate of the Guantanamo Bay prison up in the air, Obama will announce today his selections for critical posts in his cabinet.

Democratic sources said they include: Current Defence Secretary Robert Gates, a member of a Republican administration who would stay on; retired Marine Corps Gen. James Jones as White House national security adviser; and Susan Rice, an Obama foreign policy adviser, as U.N. ambassador.

REUTERS

News in brief

SHUTTLE The space shuttle Endeavour glided to a smooth landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California yesterday, returning to Earth from a mission to expand and renovate the International Space Station.

PIRACY Somali pirates and owners of a Ukrainian ship carrying 33 tanks and other military hardware have reached a deal to release the vessel, a Kenyan maritime official said yesterday.

KIDNAPPING Somali security forces have arrested five men for the kidnapping this week of two European journalists.

REUTERS

Thai police order end to siege

PROTESTS Thai police yesterday ordered thousands of anti-government protesters to end their siege of Bangkok's airports, restricting public gatherings and warning offenders would be jailed or fined.

The stakes rose as thousands of government supporters also rallied in the capital, their first major show of strength since the People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) launched its "final battle" last Monday to unseat the government.

Police vowed to keep the two sides apart, but when pro-government forces held a rally in the same part of Bangkok in September, they later marched on PAD lines and fighting ensued.

Economy

• The tourism and export-driven economy, already hit by global financial woes, is reeling from this latest crisis. Finance Minister Suchart Thada-Thamrongvech said growth could slow to two per cent from 4.9 per cent in 2007, the Bangkok Post said.

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Impulse buyers unite

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Anne Hines



Today, I reveal a deep dark secret. Not about being gay. I talk about that all the time.

When I first came out, I felt compelled to tell everyone. It led to some odd conversations such as, "Well, we were discussing global warming, but that's very interesting, Anne."

I've also already owned up to having a transgendered daughter, an ex-husband and limited house-keeping skills.

What I want to confess is this. Yesterday, I ... I bought ... something.

Nothing illegal. And nothing kinky. Though I've often thought, "If God

meant us to have interpersonal relationships, he wouldn't have given us batteries."

What I bought was ... a birdbath heater.

This is the latest thing in urban wild-bird care.

A small electrical unit that keeps water from freezing so the birds can drink all winter.

I don't know what they did before this.

Maybe went to Starbucks.

I know, we're not supposed to be buying more gadgets that use electricity.

I figure I'll balance my carbon footprint by unplugging something non-essential.

Not the iPod charger or the PVR, I use those. Maybe my oven.

I also realize that in these difficult economic times, a birdbath heater might be considered to be a ridiculously extravagant purchase.

But there's a simple thumb for determining what falls into that category. Sensible, reasonable discretionary items are what we buy for ourselves. Ridiculous and extravagant ones are what other people buy.

I had an excellent reason for buying this heater. It makes me happy.

And, frankly, anyone who says you can't buy happiness has never been to a really good shoe sale.

In fact, I say, "Impulse buyers of the world unite."

It's time to come out of the closet. If you've purchased a Bread-o-Matic or Butt Master Supreme, there's likely no room left in there for you anyway.

E-mail me the most useless, frivolous item you've purchased and I'll share your story in a future column. Proudly. Without mocking. At least not to your face.

And let's remind those "I-only-buy-what's-on-the-list" shoppers that, without impulse buyers, there would be no trashy magazines to peruse at the checkout counter.

No mini flashlight/key chain/laser printers. And what would the world be without Chia Pets and fuzzy dice?

A little less tacky, sure. But, far, far less fun.

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Letters

Harper made similar attempt at coalition in '04

Stephen Harper shows how much disdain and contempt he has for Canadians when he tries to fake outrage at opposition party attempts to work together to form a coalition government.

Let us not forget the letter he signed Sept. 9, 2004, (along with Gilles Duceppe and Jack Layton), which urged former governor general Adrienne Clarkson to consult with the opposition parties should the Liberal Paul Martin government fall. Harper asked the governor general to see if the opposition parties could form a government because they formed a majority in the House.

TREVOR HACHÉ,
OTTAWA, ONT.

Angels have more rights than to remain silent

The Hells Angels motorcycle club is not a criminal organization and deserves the same rights as any other person.

In March this year, a landmark ruling by a B.C. judge said that "a full-patch Hells Angels member and two of his associates are not members of a

criminal organization."

The trial was a key test of new "federal anti-gang legislation," and if the Hells Angels were deemed a criminal organization, police would have been able to seize their assets.

There are so many urban legends around the Hells Angels.

They are an easy target and it is not fair that a "select few" have rights violated.

A recent decision in Alberta has some legal experts saying publicly that it could eventually place limits on the way police try to control the movement of "biker gangs."

I maintain that these cases revolve around fundamental rights that all citizens are entitled to, whether they drive motorcycles or not.

WILLIAM PERRY,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Views

Making downtown the place to be

InTransit

John Holmes



One peculiarity of Ottawa's transit system really gets my goat.

It's those downtown queues, and how you can be stuck in a line of buses while regular vehicles fly by in the other lane.

After speeding down the Transitway from Tunney's Pasture, my rush-hour crawl from Bay to Metcalfe is particularly frustrating.

Sometimes I even get off at Kent and try to beat the bus across town by walking.

This is fine in summer. Now that it's winter, I'm

exploring an elaborate network of hotels, malls and office buildings so I can negotiate downtown with minimal time outside.

A downtown tunnel is central to Ottawa's transit plan. Whether it runs buses or light rail, there's no doubt it will greatly reduce east-west journey times.

Best estimates suggest the tunnel will be completed by 2017, and the sooner the better as far as I'm concerned.

It's one of the reasons downtown is so uninspiring, and most of the city's nightlife is crammed into a few blocks in ByWard Market.

Larry O'Brien acknowledged the significance of an underground complex in his state of the city delivered last January.

"This tunnel project offers us a major economic

opportunity. Developing an underground city would create jobs, grow our tax base, and fundamentally renew the downtown core," he said.

That statement, however, was made before the economic slump. I'm worried the city could eventually decide to cut costs, leaving us not with an underground city but just a few corridors.

A similar situation now exists with proposed cuts to arts and festival funding.

Here lies an opportunity. I wouldn't want Ottawa's underground city to echo Toronto's soulless PATH system. We have enough coffee shops and fast-food outlets on the surface already. The emphasis should be creating a genuine public space — something Ottawa sorely lacks

in winter.

I'd like to see a public arena, perhaps holding 500 people, as a cornerstone of the project. It could be dug somewhere central and host free performances. The NAC's Noon Under the Bridge concerts, which currently take place in summer near the Rideau Centre, could find a winter home.

There should also be public art, and even a space for ByWard Market traders frozen inside by the cold.

Downtown in winter is a place people pass through. With careful planning and investment, it could be somewhere you'd actually want to be.

John Holmes is a writer for various publications in Canada and the U.K. He's never had a driver's licence, and has relied on public transit for all of his adult life.

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Italian architect Francesco Stella has been chosen to design a new 552-million euro baroque-style palace with a modern interior, on the spot where Berlin's 15th-century Stadtschloss stood until it was destroyed in 1950 by East German communists. **REUTERS**

Italian-designed 'palace' to rise on Berlin site

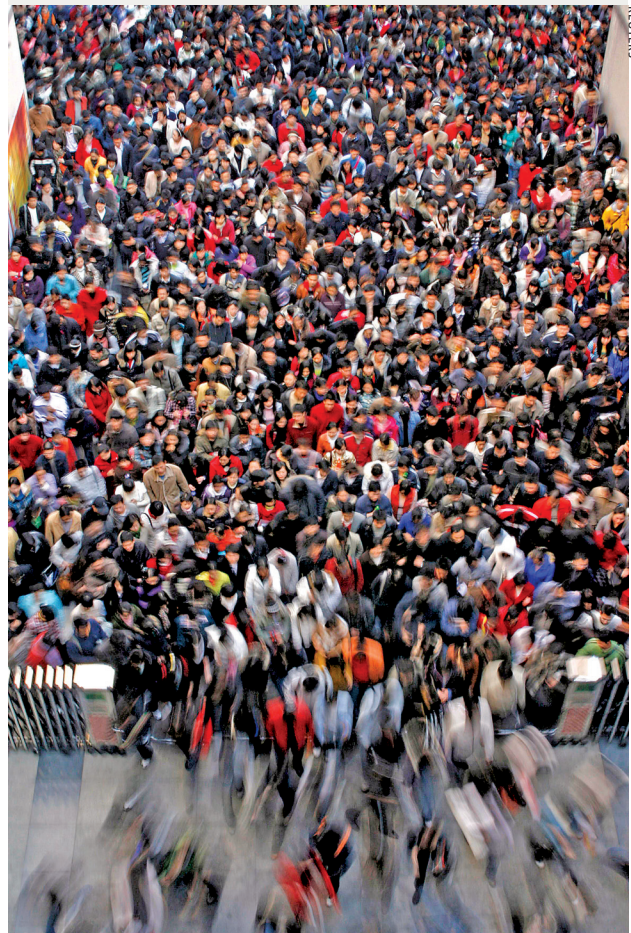
Business

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Asian art sales drop

Half the lots in Christie's auctions of Asian contemporary and Chinese 20th-century art went unsold yesterday, reflecting the bleak economic outlook and cooling Chinese art market. Major works, which usually attract highly competitive bidding, fell short of reserve prices. **REUTERS**

China Exam fever



Applicants walk into a university to take part in the nationwide government-recruitment exam in Wuhan, Hubei province, yesterday. There are a record number of applicants taking the exam, with about 775,000 people writing it yesterday, Xinhua News Agency said.

Microsoft-Yahoo deal 'total fiction' – exec

Deal for Yahoo's search not ruled out

A report in the Sunday Times that Microsoft Corp. is in talks with Yahoo Inc. to buy the U.S. Internet company's online search business for \$20 billion US is "total fiction," according to a key executive cited by an influential U.S. blog.

The Sunday Times, which did not cite its sources, said the proposal under discussion involves a complex transaction that would see the U.S. software giant support a new management team to take control of Yahoo.

The team would be led by ex-AOL Chairman and CEO Jonathan Miller and former Fox interactive media president Ross Levinsohn, the report said.

But the AllThingsDigital blog, affiliated with the Wall Street Journal, quoted Levinsohn as saying the re-

"(Microsoft is) interested in doing a deal on search, and we should pursue that."

Carl Icahn

port was "total fiction." Top sources at Yahoo and Microsoft also scoffed at the report, the blog said.

Yahoo spokesman Brad Williams said: "We don't comment on rumours, and all this is a rumour."

A Microsoft spokeswoman declined to comment.

Microsoft withdrew its \$47.5-billion US buyout offer for Yahoo in May after Yahoo Chief Executive Jerry Yang and his board rejected the bid as too low.

Bid speculation was

sparked again earlier this month when Yang announced he was stepping down. Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer ruled a bid out at the time, but said he was "open" to talks on a deal for Yahoo's search business.

Activist investor Carl Icahn — who sits on Yahoo's board and increased his stake in the company to 5.4 per cent last week — reiterated he favoured the sale of the search business, according to an interview in the Dec. 1 edition of Barron's.

"Microsoft has said publicly that they are not interested in buying the whole company, and I believe them. But they are interested in doing a deal on search, and we should pursue that," Icahn was quoted by Barron's. **REUTERS**

Big Three should cut perks: UAW

AUTOS The Big Three U.S. automakers should tell Congress they will limit corporate pay, bonuses and severance packages in return for government loans, the president of the United Auto Workers union said yesterday.

UAW president Ron Gettelfinger told CNN car-makers only need a loan to tide them over a tough period and insisted high union wages were not the key cause of waning sales at GM, Ford and Chrysler.

Gettelfinger warned millions of jobs were at risk and said the auto industry globally was suffering from a sales downturn, not simply U.S. carmakers.

REUTERS

BCE seeks fee from Teachers if no deal

TAKEOVER BCE Inc. is demanding that the Ontario Teachers' Pension Fund pay a \$1.2-billion termination fee if the buyout of the company fails to go through, as expected, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Citing people familiar with the situation, the Globe and Mail said BCE is pushing to get Teachers, the lead suitor in the \$34.8-billion buyout deal, to pay the huge fee should the tangled, two-year-old bid for the owner of Bell Canada fall apart before a Dec. 11 deadline.

The deal, the world's largest leveraged buyout, is on the brink of collapse after an opinion delivered by auditors that BCE would not

pass a solvency test after taking on \$32 billion more in debt as part of the financing. A positive opinion on solvency is required for the deal to be completed.

According to the agreement, Teachers must pay the fee, thought to be the largest of its kind, only if the pension fund's actions cause the deal to founder, the Globe reported. That would mean that BCE must prove that the fund gave the auditors, KPMG, incomplete or false information, according to legal experts, the Globe said.

Teachers strongly denies any wrongdoing but may decide to negotiate a settlement with BCE, sources told the Globe. **REUTERS**

Retailers slam 'exorbitantly expensive' credit-card fees

RETAIL The Retail Council of Canada is calling on the government to intervene on "exorbitantly expensive" two per cent credit-card fees imposed by companies like Visa or MasterCard.

Though this little expense is invisible, buried

in the overall price of the merchandise, retailers say it takes \$4.5 billion a year out of their pockets.

The card companies say they take none of the fee, which is split between the merchant and cardholder's banks. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Business in brief

CHINA President Hu Jintao has warned his country's competitiveness and trade strength are being threatened by sustained global economic downturn, testing the grip of the ruling Communist Party.

OIL Saudi Arabia on Saturday cited \$75 US a barrel as a "fair price" for oil, to keep supplies on track. It was the first time in years that the world's biggest exporter has identified a target for crude prices. **REUTERS**

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Going Green

Two sides of the 'pond'

The Green Guide To David Suzuki's Nature Challenge notes European pedestrian cities have less than 10 per cent of their land devoted to transportation, while North American cities devote up to 50 per cent or more of urban land to roads and parking, according to *Greenology: How to Live Well, Be Green and Make a Difference* by Tanya Ha.

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Leadership crucial in coming years

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



It's an understatement to say that we are living in interesting times. The world seems to be undergoing a profound shift. On one hand, the looming environmental and economic crises are scaring many of us; on the other, events such as the election of the first African-American president in the U.S. are giving people hope.

We shouldn't let unreal-

istic expectations set us up for disappointment, but at least Barack Obama seems to have recognized that new ideas are needed to resolve the problems facing the world, and to seize the opportunities the crises present.

In a speech to the Governors' climate change summit in Los Angeles on Nov. 18, the U.S. president-elect referred to climate change as the most serious threat facing America and the world, and said, "My presidency will mark a new chapter in America's leadership on climate change that will strengthen our security and create millions of new jobs in the process."

Although Obama's proposed targets don't go far enough to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions,

they are at least acknowledgement of the seriousness of the problem and represent a reversal of the Bush administration's attitude. His promise to implement a cap-and-trade system is a good step. Economists and scientists agree that putting a price on carbon emissions, through cap-and-trade and carbon taxes, is essential to combating catastrophic global warming.



It's a shame the top two contenders for leadership of the Liberal Party in Canada have stepped away from the idea of a carbon tax, blaming it for the party's dismal showing in the

October federal election. Our governing party hasn't demonstrated great leadership either. Along with the U.S., Canada has been a laggard among industrialized nations on climate policy and action, and now it looks like we could soon be the worst of the dinosaurs. But Obama

won't be sworn in until Jan. 20, and a lot is happening now. CEOs of the big three U.S. automakers — Ford, Chrysler, and General Motors — recently flew to Washington in private jets to ask for a \$25-billion US bailout from taxpayers. They've been told to come up with better plans, but those plans will be considered in early December, before Obama takes the reins. Keep in mind that current U.S. President George W. Bush overruled California's attempt to require stricter emissions standards for automobiles.

Should we have sympathy for free-market capitalists like GM vice-chair Bob Lutz, who claimed climate change is a "crock of ..." and that hybrid cars such

as those made by Toyota "make no economic sense," while his company continued to produce gas-guzzlers? Meanwhile, Japanese automakers are doing OK with more fuel-efficient vehicles such as hybrids.

The U.S. and the world have a lot of catching up to do to forestall the catastrophic consequences of our outmoded economic thinking. Let's hope the new U.S. president is up to the challenge and that he helps set an example for all world leaders to follow.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.david-suzuki.org.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DEPRESSION RESEARCH

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I am having difficulty making decisions.	■	■
I am having trouble concentrating.	■	■

Ottawa to consult with provinces on climate change

NEGOTIATIONS Canada's environment minister has said the federal government would give the provinces a consultative role in any negotiations with the United States on a North American pact to cut greenhouse-gas emissions.

Jim Prentice said Canada intended to pursue such talks with the incoming administration of U.S. president-elect Barack Obama on a national level.

Even so, he said, "There will be extensive consultation (with the provinces) before we ever sit down with the U.S. administration."

Prentice made his remarks to reporters after a climate change conference at Lake Louise, Alta.

Alberta, which is looking to safeguard the interests of the carbon-intensive oil sands industry and other big emitters, has asked to play a direct role in any negotiation on North American climate change.

Emissions of carbon-based greenhouse gases are widely viewed as a main cause of global warming.

Prentice declined to commit to offering any province a direct role.

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News in brief

TAXES Governments must do a better job of explaining environmental taxes such as charges on driving in cities or higher electricity bills or risk a public backlash, a study has shown.

Governments often fail to link green taxes to their goal of curbing energy use or helping a shift to renewable energies, according to Steffen Kallbekken of the Center for International Climate and Environmental Research in Oslo.

ECONOMY The world must avoid a "cheap and dirty" fix for the economy that could undermine the fight against global warming, Yvo de Boer, the UN's top climate official, said yesterday.

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Cleveland Browns quarterback Derek Anderson, who was starting in place of Brady Quinn after Quinn's season was ended due to a broken finger, sprained his left leg during yesterday's 10-6 loss to the Colts and may himself be done for the season. Browns coach Romeo Crennel said third-stringer Ken Dorsey would start next week. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Burress allegedly shoots self, will reportedly be charged

The attorney for New York Giants receiver Plaxico Burress said yesterday he was advised that Burress will be charged with criminal possession of a weapon after accidentally shooting himself in the right thigh. Burress shot himself at a Manhattan nightclub Friday night and was released from a hospital early Saturday, the Giants said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports in brief

SKIING Calgary native John Kucera finished second in a World Cup super giant slalom race yesterday at Lake Louise, Alta., almost a second behind Austria's Hermann Maier. Kucera was first in the final downhill training run on Friday but finished 35th in the race a day later.

SPEED SKATING Canadian Oliver Jean skated to gold in the men's 500m on the final day of the World Cup short-track speed-skating event in China yesterday. The men's relay team of Jean, Charles Hamelin, Francois Hamelin and Michael Gilday won the silver in the 5,000m relay. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Taking his know-how to China

Nova Scotia coach finds his ticket to Vancouver with Chinese women's national team

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Paul Strople's friends told him he was crazy. Moving to China to coach the country's national women's hockey team?

"They'd say, 'What are you going there for? You have everything here,'" the 41-year-old Halifax native recalls. Strople had a wife, children and a job coaching bantam AAA hockey in Nova Scotia when Chinese hockey officials came calling last summer, but he couldn't turn them down.

He had already spent the 2004-05 season behind the national team bench, but wanted to go back for a second tour to lead China to the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. "It was something that had been on my mind for four years," says Strople, who fell short in his bid for the Turin Games in 2006. "I wanted the chal-

lenge to prove to myself I could get to the Olympics. That was my biggest drive."

Strople got there — and his friends finally understand. "Now, when they send me an e-mail or call ... They're saying, 'Hey, if you need a water boy, a stick boy, or an assistant, I can take time off for the Olympics,'" Strople laughs.

China punched its ticket to Vancouver in November at the final qualifier in Shanghai. Strople calls it the "biggest moment" of his coaching career, an odyssey that began in 1996 and includes stops in the Netherlands, Germany and Iceland.

With Strople's wife and children often living in the Halifax area, family sacrifices have been the biggest hurdle.

"When you go four months without seeing your family, it's a long haul," Strople said.

"But my wife's been very



Paul Strople's China squad qualified for Vancouver in November.

supportive of my career."

The language barrier was another major obstacle, but Strople has noticed a big difference in his second tour of duty. Although he has a full-time interpreter, he barely needs one anymore. That's because a handful of the team's star players have spent time playing professionally in Canada in recent years — helping not only their on-ice skills but also their English. "They understand me better than they under-

stand the interpretation. Now, they're telling the interpreter, 'You don't need to translate for us.'"

Strople loves coaching and would relish an opportunity to get a job behind the bench at the university level closer to home.

His appearance at the Olympics likely won't hurt his cause.

"It could open a lot of doors," he says. "It's a great achievement for me and it will be a very big point on my resume."

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Steelers put an end to Cassel's hot streak

NFL ROUNDUP

Steelers 33 Patriots 10

Ben Roethlisberger threw for 179 yards and two touchdowns on 17-of-33 completions as Pittsburgh capitalized on key second-half turnovers to crush New England, 33-10, at a rain-soaked Gillette Stadium yesterday.



The Steelers' Willie Parker takes off for a gain against the Patriots yesterday.

Jeff Reed made four field goals for the Steelers (9-3), who reeled off 30 consecu-

tive points in the contest for their third win in a row and fourth in five. Matt Cassel completed just 19-of-39 passes for 169 yards, threw two interceptions and lost two fumbles in defeat.

BRONCOS 34, N.Y. JETS 17

Jay Cutler threw for 357 yards and a touchdown, leading the Denver Broncos to an important road victory over the New York Jets. Denver

will be able to clinch a division title next week with a win over Kansas City coupled with a San Diego loss to Oakland. Elsewhere in the NFL, it was: San Francisco 10, Buffalo 3; Atlanta 22, San Diego 16; Baltimore 34, Cincinnati 3; Carolina 35, Green Bay 31; Kansas City 20, Oakland 13; Miami 16, St. Louis 12; N.Y. Giants 23, Washington 7; and Tampa Bay 23, New Orleans 20. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Workology

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\$10 Million for UVic

The University of Victoria officially opened its new climate-change research building. The \$67-million facility will be known as the Bob Wright Centre, Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Building, named after sportfishing entrepreneur Bob Wright, who contributed \$10 million to it. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Photos that make a difference

OddJobs

Diane Peters



at Marston spends her workday behind the lens of her camera or at her comput-

er, tweaking photographs using Photoshop. In that way, she's like many other professional photographers.

The big difference: Instead of posing brides or wide-angling landscapes, she points her lens at burns, surgeries and abuse scars.

As a medical photographer with the University of Alberta Hospital for the last 27 years, Marston, 57, uses her lens when anyone at

the organization needs to preserve an image.

"They page us and we ask: 'When do you need us?' and they say: 'Now.'" She photographs wounds when the dressings are down for the patient's chart and to track how it's healing. She zooms in on the scars of child abuse and rape victims. She documents medical innovations and research — this is a teaching

hospital — often snapping shots in the middle of surgery. She clicks her shutter at new medical equipment for the hospital's records, and takes pictures of donors shaking hands with staff for the hospital's foundation.

Growing up in Saint John, New Brunswick, Marston assumed she'd become a nurse until she got interested in art and photography in high school. She moved to Calgary after graduation and worked at the Holy Cross Hospital as a ward aid to save money to study photography at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. One day, she saw guy going around the emergency room with a camera.

"I thought to myself: Perfect," she recalls. She got her diploma and worked as a summer student at the University of Alberta Hospital for two years, doing medical photography.

After graduation, she set up a photography studio with her husband outside Edmonton and waited for a

job at the hospital to come up. It finally did a few years later, in 1981, and she's been there ever since, working as part of a two-person crew.

Most days she has a scheduled shoot, but has no idea in the morning what she'll be photographing that day. When her pager goes off, she dashes up to the ward in question because it's at the right point in the surgery or a burn victim has just come in.

And the pictures are challenging. Some, like the gory gunshot wounds or the dying premature babies, are hard emotionally.

More often it's technically tough. "When you're shooting deep into a cavity, you have to get the right angle without touching anything. And you're standing on a stool and someone's hanging onto your shirt so you don't fall in."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Depp as Bond actor?
Movie legend Sir Roger Moore's memoirs are set to be turned into a Hollywood biopic, with Johnny Depp reportedly slated to play the part of the James Bond actor. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Entertainment



R&B idol

Singers Aretha Franklin and Sean (Diddy) Combs are reportedly launching a new American Idol-style talent show to find R&B and hip-hop stars. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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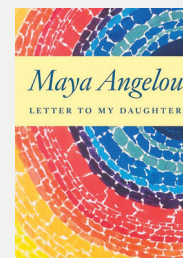


Editor-in-Chief of Metro English Canada, Dianne Rinehart presents Joel Charlebois the Nikon D700 for his winning Canadian photo entry, *Midnight Tram to Humber*, in the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge. One day later, he found out his photo beat out more than 50,000 entries from across the world to Metro newspapers in 20 countries around the world, and won him a trip for two to Paris and \$2,000 Cdn. spending cash. Look for Joel's international interview in the next few days running in Metro newspapers around the world.

On the web

Book reviews:

• For reviews of *Good Luck* by Whitney Gaskell, *Letter to My Daughter* by Maya Angelou and *Missing Sarah: A Memoir of Loss* by Maggie de Vries, visit metronews.ca.



In brief

BOX OFFICE Romantic comedy *Four Christmases* offered a gift to moviegoers in its debut over the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday, taking in \$46.7 million in five-day ticket sales and landing atop weekend box offices, according to studio estimates yesterday. **REUTERS**



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Union developing new show

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Auto pains may drive TV pains

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HAVE YOU DRIVEN A FORD LATELY? NO, SERIOUSLY. The imminent implosion of the U.S. car industry apparently hinges on a \$25 billion US bailout they've requested from the government, and the way public opinion is blowing, giving it to them might go down in history with the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act and prohibition as the most unpopular piece of legislation ever. (Don't you just love saying Smoot-Hawley? I know I do. I try to work it into conversations at least once a week.) When they're not

spending too much to make cars no one wants to buy, the big carmakers are also one of the biggest segments of the advertising market, paying for campaigns on primetime TV and in practically every magazine on the newsstands.

Ford in particular has been a major sponsor of American Idol over seven seasons of the show, creating bespoke commercials for the show and branding itself all over the show's website.

I wasn't aware how much money the company had spent on their Idol partnership until I read an article last

week in Cable & Broadcasting magazine on their dogged determination to maintain the relationship despite withering economic conditions. Last year's Ford Idol campaign cost \$78 million, a substantial chunk of the \$328.5 million that's been spent by the company since they became the show's main sponsor.

This year's Idol campaign was focused on the unveiling of the 2009 Ford Focus, a stolid and generally uninspiring bit of metal made to show that the company was serious about improving mileage and seriously

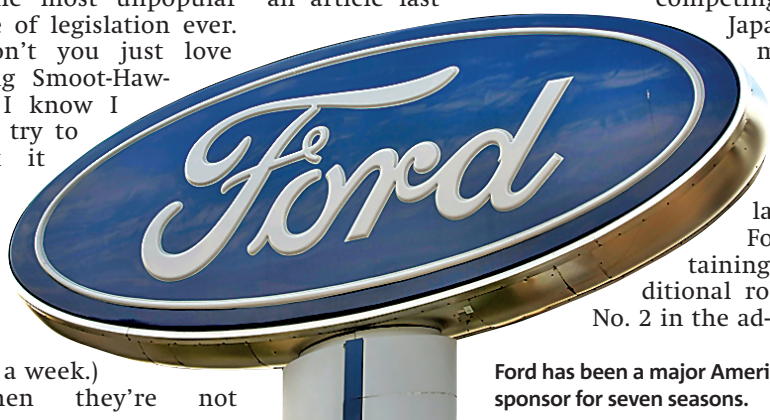
competing with Japan, though most industry observers say that it's a bit late. Ford, maintaining their traditional role, is still No. 2 in the ad-buying hi-

erarchy, spending \$982.1 million on TV advertising last year to GM's \$1.1 billion and Chrysler's \$750 million.

Despite their commitment to Idol, Ford will probably join the other automakers next year in cutting their budgets to make it look like they're serious people who can be trusted with \$25 billion of public money — stepping up the trimming of advertising buy-ins, as well as other economies like replacing the single malt and champagne on the corporate jet with Red Bull and juice packs.

If the government bailout doesn't happen, however, Idol could find itself losing a major sponsor mid-season, as viewers tune in to find that Idol moments are being brought to you by pizza pops, and that the car part of the winner's prize package has been replaced by a George Foreman Grill.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



Ford has been a major American Idol sponsor for seven seasons.

MTV marks decade-long AIDS awareness campaign

TELEVISION MTV marks the 10th anniversary of its AIDS awareness campaign this year with an hour-long documentary by U.S.

singer and Destiny's Child founding member Kelly Rowland. The music channel launched MTV Staying Alive in 1998. **REUTERS**

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The International to open Berlin festival

FILM Tom Tykwer's *The International*, an action thriller starring Clive Owen and Naomi Watts, will open the 59th Berlin International Film Festival on Feb. 5.

Screening out of competition, the feature will be Tykwer's second Berlinale opening, following *Heaven*, which bowed at the 2002 event.

But unlike *Heaven*, which was an art-house film more along the lines of Tykwer's *Winter Sleepers* (1997) or *The Princess and the Warrior* (2000), *The International* marks the German directors jump into the major leagues.

The 59th Berlinale runs Feb. 5 to 15, 2009. **REUTERS**

GlobalStyle



Kenya Hunt

Parisian designer Sonia Rykiel and her daughter Nathalie reflect on 40 years in fashion, exclusively at [metronews.ca/globalstyle](#).

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Novice musician Brent isn't happy when his guitar teacher makes him realize he's not cool and probably never will be. Wanda starts writing a column for the *Howler* under an assumed name. Hank takes exercise advice from Karen and winds up competing with Emma in the new episode "Rock Stars." 8:32 PM on 7 CTV; 8:32 PM on 104 CTV



Shrek the Halls

Shrek isn't a Christmas kind of guy, but Fiona loves the holiday, so he goes along — with a little help from Donkey and the rest of the fairy-tale gang. If this special doesn't join Rudolph, Frosty and the Grinch in the pantheon of holiday classics, something's wrong with the world. 8 PM on 7 CTV 20 ABC; 8 PM on 104 CTV

Heroes

The eclipse continues to impact the Heroes' abilities as Sylar and Elle face off against H.R.G. while Claire struggles to survive. In Haiti, Peter and Nathan join forces with the Haitian to battle the Haitian's brother, Baron Samedi. Then Hiro's memory is jolted with the help of the 9th Wonders comics. 9 PM on 9 NBC 3 GTV

Celebrity Buzz

Amy talking separation

RELATIONSHIPS Singer Amy Winehouse has reportedly met with lawyers to discuss a separation from husband Blake Fielder-Civil, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Winehouse, who is in hospital, asked her father Mitch to organize the meeting recently, after arguing on the phone with Fielder-Civil, who was recently released from prison.

"She is finally realizing that Blake is bad for her. Amy is now taking the first steps in becoming a single woman again," a source said.

Winehouse was taken to hospital just over a week ago after suffering a seizure caused by the prescription medication she is taking, her spokesman

said.

"Amy and Blake had a screaming (argument)," a friend said. "She was beside herself after the call, and she just lost it. She went out and didn't stop until she was on the floor on Sunday. If she carries on, one of these incidents will be her last."

It has been claimed Fielder-Civil, who is now in rehab, is making abusive calls to Winehouse even while she is being treated in hospital.

Winehouse recently told friends her marriage is beyond repair, reportedly telling one friend, "It's over. There's no way back for us now. It was

never going to last. We were only together for sex."

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Paris-Benji split upsets Nicole

GOSSIP Paris Hilton's best friend Nicole Richie is so upset by the socialite's split from Benji Madden, she's preventing him from meeting any potential new girlfriends, imdb.com reports.

The hotel heiress confirmed her breakup

from the Good Charlotte rocker on Nov. 21, when she admitted the couple was "taking a break" after nine months together.

According to Madden's twin and bandmate Joel, who is also Richie's fiancé, Benji has been coping well with the split. But the same can't be

said for Richie, who is reportedly doing her best to keep her future brother-in-law single until he can be reunited with Hilton.

A source, who attended a recent launch party for Good Charlotte's new Greatest Remixes album, tells the New York Post's PageSix, "(Richie) has been really possessive and stops him from talking to other girls."

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Sienna back with Balthazar

RELATIONSHIPS Actress Sienna Miller and actor Balthazar Getty are back together, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Miller,

who said at an event earlier this month she was "single at the moment," was spotted walking her dogs and laughing with Getty in London recently.

"We drove past them and they looked very together," an onlooker said. Miller's love of partying is believed to have been to blame for her split from Getty.

"Sienna is only 26 and loves to go out," a source said.

"At first Balthazar was excited by her beauty but eventually realized he should be back with his wife, and that Sienna represented a phase from another point in his life."

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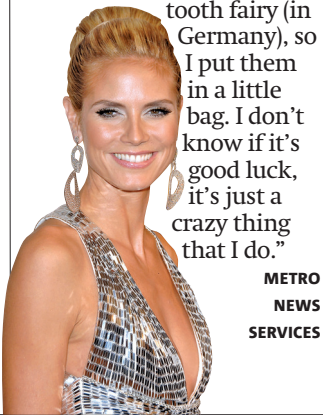


Klum keeps teeth

CONFESSION German super-model Heidi Klum has kept every tooth she has ever lost, imdb.com reports.

"I carry around a little bag of my teeth," Klum said during a recent appearance on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. "We don't have a tooth fairy (in Germany), so I put them in a little bag. I don't know if it's good luck, it's just a crazy thing that I do."

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Jovovich to wed Anderson

MARRIAGE Actress Milla Jovovich is preparing to walk down the aisle for the third time, with filmmaker Paul W.S.

Anderson, imdb.com reports. The couple became engaged in 2003, but parted ways before reuniting and welcoming their first child, Ever Garbo Anderson, last year. And now Jovovich is ready to make their union official, despite having two failed marriages to actor Shawn Andrews and director Luc Besson behind her.

"I'd like to organize a private ceremony," she says. "I've done Las Vegas twice and I didn't want to jinx it by doing it again."

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Beckinsale to keep her clothes on

CAREER Kate Beckinsale has vowed to keep her clothes on in movies because she remembers how terrible she felt as a child when her mother bared all onscreen, imdb.com reports.

Beckinsale has no plans to put her own daughter Lily through the humiliation she suffered at the hands of cruel school pals. She was taunted when her mom Judy Loe stripped for TV in Britain, when she was 10.

"The mortification of going to school! People said, 'I've seen your mother naked,'" Beckinsale recalls. "I literally had to beat up nine of them."

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Ryder's borrowed diamonds missing

GOSSIP Actress Winona Ryder is at the centre of a new controversy after reportedly losing \$125,000 US worth of borrowed Bulgari diamonds loaned to her for an awards ceremony appearance in Spain, imdb.com reports.

Ryder had been given a diamond-encrusted bracelet and ring to wear to a Marie Claire magazine party in Madrid last week. She reported the items missing after allegedly handing them in to her hotel's front desk in an envelope to be kept in the

venue's safe.

But according to Voici magazine, the hotel bosses have not yet been able to locate surveillance footage to prove Ryder's claims — and Bulgari executives have now asked police to investigate.

A spokesperson for Ryder, who was arrested in 2001 for failing to pay for goods taken from Beverly Hills store Saks Fifth Avenue, has yet to respond to requests for comment. Bulgari representatives have refused to address the reports or confirm the disappearance of the jewels.

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Female models 'mean,' Osbourne says

OPINION Kelly Osbourne says female models are "jealous and mean," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The reality TV star claims almost all the working models she has met have been nasty and she can't stand to be

around them.

"Most female models I've come across in my life are very jealous and mean. God forbid you eat anything in front of them — they look like they want to kill you! They're just stupid," Osbourne reportedly said.

Osbourne, who recently announced her engagement to model Luke Worrell, also revealed being in a relationship with him has clouded her opinion of the industry.

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Actress alleges Farrell tried to bed her

GOSSIP Actor Colin Farrell has brushed off reports he attempted to bed a budding actress and U.S. Army reservist after meeting her at a New York club, imdb.com reports.

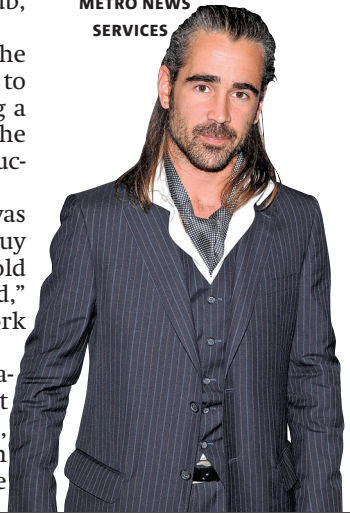
Sam Durrani claims she shared a cab with Farrell to her apartment following a recent night out. But she reportedly refused to succumb to his charms.

"He's very nice, but was just being a typical guy looking for sex, so I told him I wasn't interested," she tells the New York Post.

However, a representative for Farrell has hit back at her allegations, claiming that although Farrell was present at the

club on the night in question, "He does not know Sam Durrani and does not remember ever meeting her."

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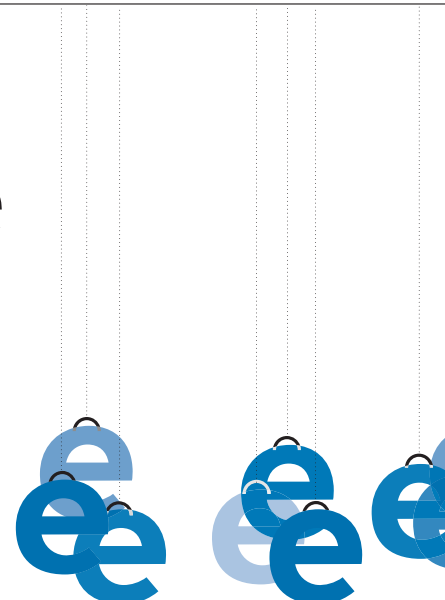
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